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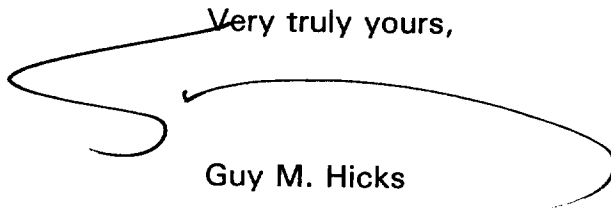
David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Petition for Interconnection Arbitration by DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company, Inc. Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*  
Docket No. 00-01130

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are fourteen copies of a letter submitted by BellSouth to the Hearing Officer. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



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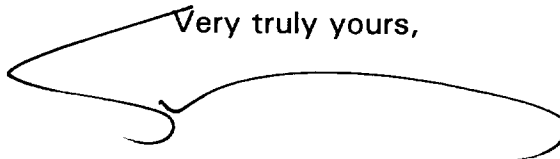
Dear Mr. Hotvedt:

On March 2, 2001, BellSouth filed a Motion to Limit Issues. On March 7, Covad filed its response. In its response, Covad agreed that issues 10(a), 10(b), 13, 24 and 30 are cost issues which will be addressed in the cost dockets. Covad also stated its willingness to remove issues 16 and 17 from the arbitration provided they are resolved in the xDSL docket. The parties disagree as to whether issues 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 31 should remain in the arbitration between Covad and BellSouth.

Under the procedural order entered in this proceeding, testimony is due on March 30. BellSouth respectfully requests that the Hearing Officer enter an order with respect to the remaining issues raised in BellSouth's Motion to Limit Issues prior to the date testimony is due. BellSouth submits that this will allow for a more efficient process in that the parties will be able to focus their witnesses' testimony on the appropriate issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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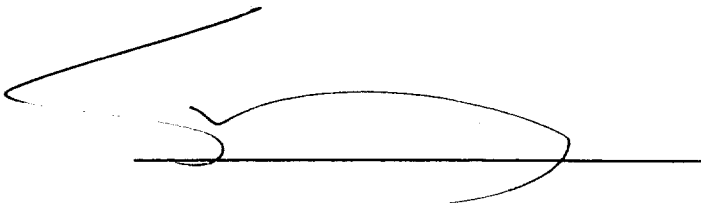
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine F. Boone', is written over a horizontal line.